



# **The WisDOT Connector *Express***

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## **Looking for ways to “Travel Easy?”**

Before heading out on your next Wisconsin adventure, you may want to know the location of major road construction projects to help you plan accordingly. WisDOT produces a “Travel Easy” brochure that provides tips on navigating work zones and highlights 37 road construction projects across the state that will impact travelers this construction season. WisDOT distributes the brochures to travel centers, rest areas and a host of tourism-oriented businesses across the state. Copies are also available by calling 1-800-242-2514. The statewide map of construction zones can be viewed on the WisDOT Web site at [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/traveleasy/docs/state-map.pdf](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/traveleasy/docs/state-map.pdf).

## **Merrimac Ferry open for business**

The Merrimac Ferry, also known as the Colsac III, has resumed its seasonal operations carrying travelers and vehicles across the Wisconsin River between Merrimac and Okee as part of WIS 113. Wisconsin's only free ferry, the Colsac III operates daily, can carry up to 15 vehicles along with bicycles and pedestrians, and takes about seven minutes to cross the river. More information about the ferry is on the WisDOT Web site at [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/water/merrimac.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/water/merrimac.htm).

## **March traffic fatalities a record low**

According to preliminary data, the 27 traffic fatalities recorded last month represents the safest month of March on Wisconsin roadways in more than 70 years. The five-year average for March traffic deaths in Wisconsin is 57. Traffic safety officials say wintry March weather likely reduced overall travel speeds and many motorists heeded advice to stay off slippery roads. Officials are concerned about a possible jump in fatalities as warmer spring temperatures often result in higher speeds. Motorists are being asked to keep a sharp eye out for more motorcycles, bikes and pedestrians.

## **April is National Donate Life Month**

April is National Donate Life Month and a good time to consider becoming an organ donor. Right now, over 95,000 people across the nation are in need of an organ transplant. Becoming an organ donor in Wisconsin is quick and simple. More information can be found on the WisDOT Web site at: [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/donor.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/donor.htm).

## **Coming up**

Wisconsin Aviation Conference, May 5 – 7, 2008, Appleton

<http://www.wiama.org/conference.htm>

AASHTO Mississippi Valley Conference, July 7 – 10, 2008, Kansas City, MO,

<http://www.mvc2008.com/registration.html>

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